

CAMPAIGN IN NINTH OPENED ON TUESDAY

Senator Harman Stirs Great Gathering Of Scott County Citizens With An Eloquent Appeal And Gives Them Seven Reasons For Supporting Mr. Slomp

On behalf of the progressives in the Ninth district, Senator J. N. Harman, the Roosevelt elector for the district, opened the campaign at Gate City, in Scott county, on Tuesday. In his opening he said:

"Fellow Citizens:—

"In the ripeness of an experience gathered from forty years of active participation in politics in this congressional district, and in the mellowness of spirit wrought by the work of these years, I come to speak to you, not so much of the transitory issues projected into this campaign, but in larger part of the great eternal principles of human government that have existed in all civilizations of the past and which reach out into all the future as well.

"I come to you as a progressive of the progressives, as the elector of the Ninth district in this campaign, and ask you to consider with me today the permanent issues upon which this campaign is to be fought, and on the triumph or defeat of which the weal or woe of our children and children's children depend."

Continuing Senator Harman called attention to how universal the progressive sentiment had been, and to the fact that a platform almost identical with that of the progressive party had been contributed to the columns of this paper something like a year ago.

He reviewed the history of the republican and democratic parties, with a brief sketch of the growth of human government down to the birth of the present progressive party. With regard to the democratic party he demonstrated with cold critical logic its utter inability to manage the affairs of the National Government, and showed what a mess democrats had made of state government wherever intrusted with the power.

He avowed the unbounded enthusiasm of his audience, however, when he gave the following seven reasons why progressives should support Congressman C. B. Slomp in his fight for re-election. These reasons follow:

"How can a progressive be consistent and vote for Mr. Slomp?"

"This question is continually being propounded to the progressives by our democratic friends. We might answer them by saying that we can do this and be as consistent as Ryan and Murphy and Belmont can be consistent and vote for Wilson. We can do this and be a great deal more consistent than William Randolph Hearst, who so mercilessly attacks Mr. Wilson's tariff views or free trade policies. We are at least as consistent as La Follette is who claims to be the father of progressives and yet because of his personal objections to Roosevelt will support Mr. Taft or Mr. Wilson.

"However, I care very little whether I appear consistent or inconsistent to my democratic friends. The demand for consistency is the demagogue's whip to scare cowards into line. Being neither demagogue or coward I neither use this whip on others nor am I frightened by its use in the hands of others.

"From my standpoint, however, we are not inconsistent in our support of Mr. Slomp's candidacy. Our paramount purpose in this campaign is to prevent this district from falling into the hands of the democrats, and to poll the full progressive vote for Col. Roosevelt. The early success of the progressive movement in the Ninth district is assured by holding the anti-democratic forces together in this fight.

"One good reason for not doing or not doing anything is sufficient; but I will give you seven good reasons why the progressives should support Mr. Slomp.

"First: He was nominated by progressive delegates, over his own protest whom we sent to the Bristol convention. We are therefore honorably bound to abide by the act of our delegates. In fact, in order that we might succeed in our paramount purpose I strongly advocated in all our progressive caucuses held in Tazewell previous to the mass meeting which sent delegates to the Bristol convention, that convention ought to nominate a man who was a supporter of Mr. Taft in this campaign.

"Second: Mr. Slomp is a progressive. Before Col. Roosevelt's hat was in the ring Mr. Slomp had espoused the cause of President Taft. Mr. Slomp's support of Mr. Taft for President does not make him a standpatter any more than Mr. LaFollette's support of Mr. Taft or Mr. Wilson makes him a standpatter. Why Mr. Roosevelt said himself in his speech at Bristol that 'Slomp is as straight as a string, he supported me in all my progressive policies.'

"Third: Mr. Slomp's high, moral character and his unimpeachable integrity both in private and public life makes it a pleasure to all good men and true to give him their hearty support.

"Fourth: Because by holding the anti-democratic forces together on Mr. Slomp we can save the district from falling under democratic control. Thus we shall lay a sure foundation for success in the state campaign next year in this district at least. The success of

the progressive party in Virginia is an event devoutly to be wished by a long-suffering, oppressed, tax-ridden, official-burdened, ring-ruled people, who through a false fear of negro rule have allowed themselves for twenty-seven long years to be ruled and ruined by an office-holding trust built up upon their groundless fear.

"Fifth: Because the free liberty-loving, fair dealing, mountaineers of this district can never consent to vote for a member of the late constitutional convention which disfranchised so many of their WHITE fellow citizens. They cannot forget the imposition of the infamous poll tax prerequisite imposed upon them by that convention, which opened the widest door for temptation to fraud and corruption in elections. They cannot forget that by it thousands of poor white men are disfranchised for lack of a dollar and a half, while scores of others falling under the temptations to raise and expend a campaign fund for the purpose of paying this poll tax, results in their disfranchisement and imprisonment under court proceedings, presided over by Judges whom it is charged contributed to such campaign fund.

"May my right hand forget its cunning and my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth ere I forget on all proper occasions to register my disapproval of the wreck and ruin wrought by the promulgators of that constitution.

"Sixth: We are for Slomp because the democrats don't want us to nominate him, but greatly desired that we should nominate any other man. We deem it wise under all circumstances to go contrary to the advice given us by our enemies.

"Seventh: Last, but by no means least, we are for Slomp because he stands for the great principle of protection of American labor and home industry. Under the principles of republicanism protection we have seen South-west Virginia's mining and other industries rapidly developed. Thousands of men, women and children are being well fed and decently clothed as a result of this wonderful development. The mines, and the coke ovens are now calling for hundreds of men to work at good wages. The people of this district are not ready to surrender this condition of prosperity to the party of tariff for revenue only to experiment and render uncertain the source of what they shall eat and what they shall wear. They know that every time in the history of this government the democratic party has sought to enforce its tariff views upon the people it has worked ruin to the industries of the country and hunger and desolation has followed in its wake.

"The progressive party is engaged in building a new and greater Commonwealth, by invoking the aid of, and applying the principles which shall conserve human resources, by a fair distribution of the rewards of honest toil and a more equitable sharing of the burdens incident to our complex social and industrial life. When these are added to our present industrial system in this district many of us will be ready to say: 'Now let us depart in peace for our eyes have seen the dawn of a better day' and we can truthfully say that we have fought a good fight and have left to our children a richer heritage than our fathers left us."

Martha Washington College.

An air of progress and neatness reigns supreme about Martha Washington College. The finishing touches are being made to the new \$21,000 addition, and the older buildings have been given a general overhauling. The campus is being put in order, and everything about the premises look inviting. Even the giant oaks in the campus, showing signs of decay, have been treated with numerous surgical operations, and their beauty and strength preserved. In all of its long and useful history Martha Washington College has never been half so well equipped to do extensive and efficient service as it is today. There is nothing lacking—not a thing known to the latest and most progressive schools. The laboratory, gymnasium, library, infirmary and all adjuncts of the kind are the latest and best. In the college there are ninety-eight rooms, all arranged to be used for specific purposes. A great work has been accomplished at this school, and the credit is due mainly to the efforts of Dr. Long, the President, and J. B. Ward, the Financial Agent, and the crowning climax to all else that might be said is that it is a denominational school out of debt.—Abingdon Virginian.

This is indeed gratifying news from this popular school and especially at this time when so many of Tazewell's fairest daughters are students there.

Laughter Is Wealth

and also a leading part of the "Sunday Philadelphia Press." Relentless Rudolph, Hairbreadth Harry, Mrs. Rumage and Clumsy Claude are some of the characters; those who aren't funny by their cleverness are irresistible in their bangles. Has your home enjoyed a good comic section? It means a lot. If it doesn't put you in a good humor, the pleasure of the children is sure to. The funny sheets of the "Sunday Press" are in colors and are made by men who are artists and recognized humorists. Add a laugh to your home and see what it means.

THE TAZEVELL FAIR.

Immense Crowd Present on Last Day When Double Program Was Given.

The ninth annual meet of the Tazewell Fair which closed on last Thursday was one of the most successful in the history of the Association.

The rain on Wednesday made it necessary to postpone most of the events scheduled for that day until Thursday, and as a result the patrons on the last day were treated to a two days program crowded into one.

The racing program was particularly good—the best, perhaps, ever seen on the local grounds. The winners were: 2:25 stake pace, "Are Em Be," 2:30; stake trot, "Senator Martin"; 2:24 trot, "Bennie Boy." "Miss Catawba" won the running race in a dashing finish. Much interest was taken in the display of live stock. The blue ribbon awards in the various classes in this department follow.

ROADSTER CLASS.

Best mare or gelding any age—T. E. George.

Two year old—Henry Copenhaver. Pair roadsters—Henry Copenhaver.

DRAFT HORSES.

Stallion—J. K. Hall.

Yearling—John Hoops.

SADDLE HORSES.

Stallion—B. K. Buchanan.

Mare or gelding any age—C. J. Belcher.

Three year old—J. T. Keesee.

Yearling—F. M. Moss.

Colt—H. A. Humphrey.

Mare with colt following—H. A. Humphrey.

COMBINATION HORSES.

J. W. Buchanan.

PAIR MULES.

C. J. Belcher.

SHEEP.

Best buck—C. H. Peery.

Best ewe—C. R. Brown.

Best herd—C. R. Brown.

SWINE.

Best boar—C. R. Brown.

Best sow—P. G. Baugh.

Best sow and pigs—P. G. Baugh.

B. K. Buchanan won first prize as best gentleman rider and A. R. Thompson second.

Best lady rider, Mrs. C. E. Harman first and Mrs. G. W. Brewster second. Best lady rider, astride, Miss Kate Reynolds first. No second premium was offered in this class.

There were so many awards in the agricultural, domestic, fancy work and poultry departments that it would be impossible to give them all. The displays in all departments, except cattle, were very creditable, but should in a rich agricultural county like Tazewell be much better.

One of the most interesting displays at the fair was that in the department of entomology, consisting of carefully selected specimens of not only insects injurious to but beneficial to the farmer. Dr. Isaac Pierce, who had this department in charge, was present and ready at all times to advise how to get rid of the injurious insects and to cultivate those beneficial to plant life. This department alone was worth every farmer or fruit grower's time to visit and study the specimens therein shown.

The management have already laid plans for a bigger and better fair in 1913. Let everybody get ready.

Interesting Letter From Far Away Oregon

Dear Republican:—

It has been some time since I last wrote you, but the paper comes every week and is looked for with much eagerness. Both of the papers from far old Tazewell are read closely with great interest by us all.

It is with regret and sorrow that we note the deaths and illness of so many of our friends and acquaintances. Many of them who have passed away since we left we thought bid fair to long outlive us, but who can tell who will be called next. Though far removed from my old friends and associates of the past, my interest and friendship for them has never abated, and it grieves me deeply to see so many of them passing away.

We have had a very unusual season here this summer, the wettest in 25 or 30 years, especially the months of July and August, both of which had thunder storms, and whilst the rains have been good for some things they have seriously interfered with the hay crops and threatening of wheat. In some sections the hay and prune crops are damaged to a considerable extent. The rainfall has been lighter in this county and did less injury than in almost any other part of the state, and with the exception of the peach crop, that was caught by the early frosts, nearly all others are exceptionally fine, and the rancher (or farmer) has but little to complain of.

It was with great anxiety and interest that I awaited the action of the republican convention in the glorious old Ninth, the banner district of the state, and it was a great satisfaction to me to see harmony prevail and all hands joined in doing the most sensible thing possible to do by nominating C. B. Slomp, who, I think, under the existing conditions, the strongest and best equipped man to make the race. He has made good in the past, and knows better how to manage a campaign than a new man, however good he might be, and if he don't win I will be badly disappointed.

Now let every true republican do his duty and work from now until the election closes on the 5th day of November for his election.

Interest in the election is gradually warming up here though the campaign has not fully opened up. From what I can see from the papers and learn from those I know that are posted on the matter, Mr. Taft is gaining strength right along. Though it is hard to tell now how this state will go, many men who were great admirers of the strenuous T. R. are not ready yet to desert their party just to follow him, and do not wish to aid Wilson by voting against Taft. When I think of the difference in the times now and the times in 1907-8, when I came here four years ago, I wonder what there is that can make the people want a change in administration. It looks like people will get dissatisfied even with prosperity, and if they make a change, whilst I may not live to see the end, yet mark my prediction, that before the four years are out they will wish for the times of 1912, and they had better think of the past before making it.

I enclose you under separate cover a pamphlet of all measures referred to the people of this state to be voted on this fall to come before the legislature—about 100 in all. Educational copies of the ballots are issued before the election for people to study and get posted on before they go to vote.

I have written more than I intended, and will close by begging to be remembered to all my friends, who I would love so much to see once more. Wishing you and our ticket success in the battle to come, I remain, Your friend,

W. G. YOUNG.

Roseburg, Ore., Sept. 16, 1912.

Hon. C. B. Slomp Accepts.

September 23, 1912.

Hon. W. B. Spratt, and Gentlemen of the Committee of Notification, Richlands, Virginia.

My Dear Sir:

I have unofficially been appraised of the action of the republicans of the Ninth district who nominated me for congress for the fourth consecutive time. The day after the convention I wired the newspapers of the state in response to the inquiries from them that I would accept the nomination and make the best fight possible. This I am glad to do. The action of the convention is the highest complement ever paid me as an individual, indeed if it is not unprecedented in the history of Virginia politics and I shall respond to its wishes with whatever abilities I possess. I have been so moved by this expression of good will on the part of the republicans of the district that I immediately made up my mind that if I were again elected to congress under conditions so gratifying that I would remove myself from participation in any and all business enterprises and devote myself wholly and entirely to making for the Ninth district of Virginia the best Congressman it is possible for me to make. I do not believe a man can be successful in either private business or public business by devoting part of his time to each. If elected I will simply cut out private business however interesting it might be to do otherwise. Heretofore I have been trying to do both. Finding this impossible I will adhere strictly if elected to the great trust imposed on me by the people of our district devoting myself exclusively to their interests. As a candidate I ask from our party friends in the district only this indulgence, not to make any engagements for me until after the first of October as I need these few days rest. It has been exactly sixteen years since I have had a vacation of any sort, even a trip of a days length during winter or summer, purely for recreation or pleasure. After this time I shall be ready to respond to whatever demands are made on me and will expect to visit every county in the district.

Assuring you of my profound and sincere appreciation for the honor of again being called on to lead our party to victory, I remain, with kindest regards to all, Yours most respectfully,

C. B. SLEMP.

Holston Conference October 2.

This will be the closing week of the church year in the Holston conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. All of the churches will wind up their year's work this week and the pastors will leave for Abingdon for conference, which meets there next Wednesday, October 2, none knowing whether they will be returned to their present charges or where they will be sent.

Active preparations are being made for the conference, which will be held by Bishop John C. Kilgo, of North Carolina, and it will, as usual, be largely attended.

Little is known in advance of the changes that will likely be made this year, but it is known there will not be as many shifts as last year, when there were an unusually large number of pastors who had served their time limit of four years, to be changed.

Those from here who will attend the conference are Presiding Elder J. O. Straley, Rev. E. E. Wiley and Rev. J. R. King. Among the lay delegates will be Rev. C. R. Brown, T. A. Repass, Jr., and J. R. Laird.

Colonel J. B. Boyer was a visitor to Bristol first of the week.

POUNDING MILL NEWS.

Items Gathered by Our Correspondent About People Down the Clinch.

Pounding Mill, Va., 24. John Gillespie was a business visitor to Bluefield Thursday.

Miss Rebekah Davis returned yesterday from Cincinnati.

Miss Nell George, of Tazewell, spent Sunday with Miss Uva Steele.

Dr. W. R. Williams, of Richlands, was a business visitor here today.

Rev. D. E. Motley will preach Sunday at 11 o'clock in the Christian church.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pruett are spending the week with Mrs. J. T. Altizer.

Mrs. Dock Altizer spent Monday with her brother, Billy Ringstaff, of Richlands.

Rev. C. A. Paugle expects to preach at the Methodist church next Sunday at 3:30 p. m.

Miss Ocie Lovell, of Richlands, took in the fair Wednesday and visited home-folks here.

George Bailey, W. B. Spratt and G. R. Thomas tried a couple of cases here Saturday.

Mrs. M. J. Sturkill and Mrs. Matt Brewster were business visitors to Tazewell Friday.

Miss Lettie Lovell, of Richlands, spent the weeks end with her sister, Miss Jennie Lovell.

Miss Irene Embry, of Graham, passed over here Sunday to teach the public school on Little River.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brewster and children and Miss Cora are spending a week in West Virginia with relatives.

George Hurt returned from Tazewell, accompanied by Mr. Jud May and Mr. Jones, of West Virginia, as his guests.

Leonard Harris vacated the John Robinson property to day and George Brewster will move his family in at once.

Miss Garnet Phaar, of the eastern part of the State, began the school at the Gillespie-Hurt school house last week.

Mr. O. Ferrell, of Steelsburg was married to Miss Neva Altizer on last Wednesday at Tazewell by Rev. T. A. Repass.

Rex Steele expects to leave in the morning for V. P. I., at Blacksburg. His sister, Miss Uva, will accompany him to Bluefield.

Mrs. P. M. Alder and children, of Bondtown, spent Sunday with Mrs. W. B. Steele, and on her return stopped at Cedar Bluff between trains.

Mrs. R. C. Christian, of Bluefield, spent Sunday night with her old friend Mrs. Steele, and left next morning to visit relatives in Richlands and Honaker.

The October Woman's Home Companion.

The October Woman's Home Companion contains the first installment of a new serial story by Justus Miles Forman, which has to do with the subject, "Votes For Women," and is sure to create considerable discussion. The story is in entitled "Through The Open Door," and started out briskly with the principal character, a young woman of nineteen, discovering herself in a stage of revolt against her teacher, who is stand-pat and conservative to the last degree.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, formerly chief of Bureau of Chemistry in Washington, contributes to the same number of the Companion a remarkably interesting and useful article entitled "Intelligent Eating," full of specific suggestions to everybody. Another notable contribution is entitled "What I Got Out of College," the author being a Wellesley College graduate. "What Children Should Eat," by Dr. Roger H. Dennett, a New York specialist on children's diseases, is also a valuable article.

The regular Cooking, Home Decoration, Household and Fashion Departments are filled with good reading and with ideas that will help women to save time and money in their housekeeping and dress arrangements.

Wage Dispute Settled.

An agreement was signed in Norfolk on last Saturday settling the wage and other questions which have been in dispute for some weeks between the Norfolk and Western, Chesapeake and Ohio and Virginian Railways and the trainmen of those roads, and there will be no strike.

An official statement was given out Saturday announcing the agreement, but the terms of settlement were not made public. The trainmen were fighting for a fifteen and sixteen per cent wage increase. Both sides are believed to have yielded to some extent. The settlement came through the mediation of United States Commissioner of Labor Charles P. Neill. Following is the official statement given out by the committee authorized to prepare and make up a statement to the press:

"The conference at Norfolk between the officials of the Norfolk and Western railway, Chesapeake and Ohio railway, Virginian railway and representatives of the conductors, trainmen and yardmen employed by these roads, came to a close today. All questions at issue were agreed upon and an agreement was signed by both parties."

To this the oral statement added that

the monetary basis upon which the settlement was effected could not be stated at that time, as certain details of this work remain to be worked out. This will be done this week at Norfolk, Roanoke and Richmond in conference between representatives of the individual roads involved in the general settlement and the trainmen in their employ.

This year the men were asking for and secured an increase in wages. If Wilson should be elected they will be struggling against a cut in their wages.

Congressman Slomp Expects an Heir

Congressman C. B. Slomp of this district expects to be detained in Asheville, N. C., until the first of October, and will not take an active hand in the campaign for his re-election until that time. Mrs. Slomp is with him at that popular mountain resort, and it is announced that the stork has promised to bring them an heir, which makes it necessary for Mr. Slomp to remain out of the district for the present.

Mr. Slomp writes his friends that he is steadily improving in health, and that he now feels in excellent condition to begin his campaign.

Paint?

There are two good reasons for painting often-enough or even too-often. One, to look prosperous; two, to be so.

Nothing does one more credit or gives one more credit than paint, supplemented of course by what goes with it; and paint costs nothing.

True, the first cost is \$5 or \$6 a gallon put-on; but it saves more than that in the property; saves it from slow going-down—not always slow—it drops with a jump when water gets in on wood and iron.

Dry wood and iron cost nothing, kept dry by paint.

Better paint when it needs it. Paint never goes-down in the sense of being more profitable next year.

DEVOTE

John E. Jackson sell it.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

There will be preaching at the Presbyterian church on next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

J. P. Harman, who was called here by the illness of his little son, Harrison, returned to his home at Kingston, W. Va., Friday.

Harrison, Barnes & Co., of this place were the lucky contestants for the fine buggy given away by the Star Milling Company at the fair last week.

John O'Keefe is back from Richmond where he recently underwent an operation for appendicitis. His friends will be glad to know that he has completely recovered.

WANTED—Excelsior wood, Poplar, Lynn and Cucumber. Write for prices and specifications.

Bluestone Mattress & Pillow Co., Graham, Va.

Harrison Harman, who was recently operated on at the sanatorium here for appendicitis, has about recovered and was removed to the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Bane Harman, on Monday.

Mrs. Jennie Lewis, who was recently called to Coal Creek, Tenn., by the illness of her aunt, Mrs. Margaret Blackburn, writes that her aunt is much improved, and will accompany her back to Tazewell. They are expected here in a few days.

Rev. S. O. Hall, for the past twelve years pastor of the Presbyterian church at this place, has received a call to the Presbyterian church of Lexington, Mo. It is understood the session here will allow him to accept. The citizens of the entire town as well as the members of the flock, will sincerely regret to lose Rev. Hall and his excellent family.

FOR SALE—Farm in Harford county, Maryland, containing 114 acres. Land all slightly rolling; 100 acres under cultivation. Water in nearly every field. Good dwelling and barn on farm. Is only 8 miles from greatest race track in America, and a bargain at \$5,000. Further information and terms made known on application to this office or BOX 12, Tazewell, Va.

Miss Georgie Boone, daughter of the founder of the Republican, Mr. W. L. Boone, was married yesterday afternoon at the home of her parents in Clarendon, Va., to Mr. I. G. Swinehart, of Washington, D. C. Miss Georgie made many friends here while a resident of our little city, whose best wishes are that she may have many pleasant anniversaries of the happy day.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Rosemary White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Barr White, of this place, to Mr. Walter Coke Scott, of Norfolk. The wedding will take place in the Methodist church at North Tazewell on next Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. After their honeymoon they will be at home in Norfolk, where Mr. Scott is connected with a large wholesale establishment.

The Rev. R. E. Elmore, pastor of the First Christian church, of Roanoke, has received a call from the pulp committee of the Walnut Hills Christian church, Cincinnati, Ohio, asking him if he would accept a unanimous call to become pastor of that church. He has not yet announced whether or not he will accept. Rev. Elmore was pastor of the Christian church here for five years previous to going to Roanoke, and while here married Miss Josie Smythe, of North Tazewell.

A PROGRESSIVE CENSURES GRAHAM

Candidacy Announced to Gratify Disappointed Office Seekers and Political Sore Heads Outside the District and Not At the Solicitation of Friends.

The following letter from R. L. Gillespie, of Graham appeared in the Roanoke Times of last Thursday and is republished to give it general circulation throughout the Ninth district:

Graham, Va., Sept. 17.

Editor Roanoke Times:

As a Roosevelt supporter and as a member of the local Progressive club, I was very much surprised to read in the Roanoke Times the announcement from Radford that our fellow townsman and neighbor, Mr. Walter Graham, was a candidate for congress from the Ninth district. True, there have been reports from Roanoke and from perhaps other points outside of the Ninth district to the effect that Mr. Graham would probably become a candidate. But the matter was never taken seriously here at Mr. Graham's home town, and I had given the subject very little consideration, not believing that Mr. Graham would think of allowing himself to be so used by the democrats and by a few disgruntled ex-republicans without first conferring with his home people. But since the local Roosevelt club appears to have been practically ignored by Mr. Graham, I beg space in the Roanoke Times to state my position as a progressive republican.

First